

**Griswold, North Stonington, Preston, Sterling and Voluntown Farmers
Agricultural Forum Agenda
Saturday, March 11th 2023, 10 AM to 12 PM
Ekonk Community Grange, 723 Ekonk Hill Rd, Sterling, CT 06377**

Times are approximate:

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Networking
10:15 AM – 10:20 AM	Introductions of Selectmen, Legislators and Agencies <i>By the Chair of the Ekonk Community Grange</i>
10:20 AM – 10:40 AM	Presentation by Keynote Speaker, <i>SeCTer, Paul Whitescarver, Executive Director</i>
10:40 AM - 11:10 AM	Brief Remarks from Legislators and Agencies <i>Approximately 3 minutes each for updates on programs, bills etc</i> <i>Connecticut Farm Bureau, Joan Nichols, Executive Director</i> <i>Department of Agriculture, Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner or Staff Representative</i> <i>USDA, Farm Service Agency, Sarah Kubik, Norwich County Executive Director, Melanie Exley, Loan Officer</i> <i>USDA, Southern New England Rural Development, Scott Soares, State Director</i> <i>U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney</i> <i>State Senator Heather Somers</i> <i>State Representative Anne Dauphinais</i> <i>State Representative Greg Howard</i> <i>State Representative Brian Lanoue</i>
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	Questions and Answers <i>Moderator</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Break out Sessions <i>Each agency and legislator will have an area for discussions and to share information, provide materials and/or handouts</i>
12:00 PM	Open Forum, Conclusion of Event